

HOUSE RESOLUTION 178

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to commend Mary Jo Brown for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Brown is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Stratton Bone, Chairman; Representative Butch Borchert, Vice Chairman; Representative Bob Bibb, Secretary; and the entire membership and staff of the House Agriculture Committee; Mary Jo's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Austin Peay State University (APSU), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Mary Jo Brown has achieved academic success while majoring in political science with a concentration in legal studies and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the APSU Presidential Scholarship and a HOPE Scholarship, Mary Jo has maintained an excellent 3.733 grade point average and is a fixture on the Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, in her major field of study, she is a valuable member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, and has gained practical experience by working in the APSU political science office; and

WHEREAS, in the real world, Mary Jo has distinguished herself as a Renaissance woman by working in such diverse fields as the law and cheerleading, gymnastics, and tumbling instruction; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband, Matt Brown; her father, Joseph Anthony Curtis; her

brother; Anthony Kyle Curtis; her maternal grandparents, Bill and Evelyn Short; and her paternal grandparents, Joe Howard and Louise Curtis; her mother, the late Angela Short Curtis, looks down proudly upon Mary Jo from heaven; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Mary Jo brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, as the intern for the House Agriculture Committee, Mary Jo has truly got to know Tennessee's leading industry from animals (and their ID tags) to zinnias; and

WHEREAS, Mary certainly picked an exciting year to intern for the usually placid and polite House Agriculture Committee, the proud home of 2007's various smoking ban bills; and

WHEREAS, in fact, she has heard so much testimony on and filed so many amendments for such legislation, smoke is beginning to emanate from her ears; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo was a valuable contributor to the overall success of 2007 Ag Day on The Hill as the guardian of the livestock pavilion; she acted with the decisiveness and courage of a true leader when she was placed in charge of two pullets and several goats, no kidding; and

WHEREAS, her gallant service in charge of that menagerie did not adequately prepare her, however, for the circus that ensued at the House Ag meeting at which the Governor's cigarette tax legislation was considered; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, Mary Jo has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Brown has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Mary Jo Brown for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Stratton Bone and the House Agriculture Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

